

Native Plant Society Annual Meeting comes to the Applegate in July

BY SUZIE SAVOIE

The Siskiyou Chapter Native Plant Society of Oregon (NPSO) is hosting the statewide Annual Meeting in the Applegate on July 12 to 14. Botanists and native plant lovers from around Oregon and beyond will come geek out on the unique flora of the Applegate Siskiyou.

Founded in Portland in 1961, NPSO began as a single organization but has grown to a network of 13 active chapters. Our local Siskiyou Chapter was the first chapter established (1978), with extraordinary local interest in native plants due to the world-class biodiversity of the Siskiyou Mountains.

The Siskiyou Chapter was formed for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes: to preserve, conserve, and study native plants and vegetation of Oregon and to educate the public about the values of native flora and habitat. The Siskiyou Chapter hosts programs, coordinates field trips and work parties, sponsors native plant teacher education programs, advocates for local native plants and plant communities, and offers college students grants to encourage the study of botany.

Oregon has over 3,600 species of native plants. Large or small, abundant or rare, each is unique and special. Over 450 of our native plant species are listed as threatened or endangered by the Oregon Biodiversity Information Center (ORBIC). Conserving and preserving species and habitat for all native species, but especially those in danger, is a priority for NPSO. NPSO partners with the Oregon Flora Project, ORBIC, and federal and state agencies to collaborate and aid in native plant conservation efforts.

Each year a different chapter or set of chapters hosts an annual meeting that features many field trips over three days that highlight and explore local botany and ecology, along with speakers, a banquet, and plenty of social time.

This year the Siskiyou Chapter will be hosting the Annual Meeting at Pacifica Garden in Williams. Chef Kristen, of Jefferson Farm Kitchen in Jacksonville, will cater the three-day event (breakfast, lunch, and dinner).

- Friday, July 12, will include multiple half-day field trips, an evening speaker, and social time featuring local beer, wine, and cider.
- Saturday, July 13, will include many full-day field trips, an evening speaker and banquet, and social time featuring local beer, wine, and cider.
- Sunday, July 14, will include several half-day field trips, an NPSO board meeting, and time for participants to travel home.



The rare Siskiyou fireweed (*Epilobium siskiyouense*), which grows in the Applegate Siskiyou, will be featured on the 2019 NPSO Annual Meeting logo.

An enthusiastic volunteer organizing committee is working hard to pull off this amazing event. In the works are a wide range of field trips, including Dutchman's Peak, Big Red Mountain, Observation Peak, Cook and Green Pass, Bigelow Lakes, Grayback Mountain, Miller Lake, Middle Fork, Frog Pond, Babyfoot Lake, Red Lily Riparian Restoration, Cedar Log Flat Research Natural Area, and more!

Registration will begin in April. The event is open to any current member of NPSO, so if you are interested in attending, make sure to become a member or renew your membership soon. Annual individual membership is \$25. You can become a member here: npsoregon.org/online.html.

Follow the Siskiyou Chapter on Facebook to get updates about the Annual Meeting and registration details. The NPSO Annual Meeting can sell out fast so keep up-to-date here: facebook.com/SiskiyouChapterNativePlantSocietyOfOregon.

Included in the event fee is swag, which this year will feature a stainless-steel cup and bamboo utensil set to go along with our "zero waste" ethic for the event. We will also have T-shirts and hats for sale. The Siskiyou Chapter is working with local botanical artist, Paula Fong, to create an event logo that will feature Siskiyou fireweed (*Epilobium siskiyouense*), one of the many lovely rare plants in the Siskiyou.

Want to get better acquainted with the local flora of Applegate? The NPSO Annual Meeting will get you out in the field with excellent botanists and naturalists who will highlight the incredible biodiversity of the region and introduce you to rare, endemic, and unusual plant species. The Siskiyou Chapter hosts the Annual Meeting only every seven years, so don't miss out!

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— CORRECTIONS TO WINTER 2018 APPLGATER—

—Linda Kappen's son, Dakota, was the photographer of the masthead photo on the cover.

—On page one, in the photo caption under the Lincoln Savage mascot mural photo, we incorrectly stated that Jay Marshall was the muralist. The correct muralist is Valarie Sloan, who worked for three months with students to create that mural. Our apologies.

39th Annual Quilt Show in Grants Pass in May

BY SUSAN J. TRESNER



The Rogue Valley Piecemakers will hold their 39th Annual Quilt Show on Friday and Saturday, May 10 and 11, 2019, at the Josephine County Fairgrounds in Grants Pass. Over 200 colorful quilts will be on display. Expect the unexpected—this year our theme is "Wild Things"!

The show will feature beautiful bed, lap, and children's quilts, innovative art quilts, other fabric-related items, and quilts made by guild members celebrating the theme "Wild Things." Knowledgeable guild members will be on hand on both days to answer questions about quilts and quilting and to demonstrate various techniques.

The Piecemakers' "Heartworks Boutique" will sell sewing supplies, quilts, and gifts handcrafted by guild members. A silent auction will include quilts, wall hangings, and other items, and vendors from Oregon and California will sell fabrics, patterns, and the latest notions and machines for quilters.

Attendees could win door prizes (given away hourly on both days) or raffle items of themed baskets and prizes. They can also purchase tickets for a chance to win the Piecemakers'

2019 Opportunity Quilt, "Wild Poppies." Proceeds from the Opportunity Quilt will benefit the Women's Crisis Center and Joe's Place. The lucky winners of the Opportunity Quilt, raffle, and silent auction items will be announced prior to the close of the show on Saturday afternoon.

Quilt show hours are 9:30 am to 4 pm both days at Josephine County Fairgrounds on Route 199 in Grants Pass.

Admission is \$5 per day; children under 12 are admitted free. There is ample free parking.

The purpose of the Rogue Valley Piecemakers is to contribute to the growth and knowledge of quilting through friendship, inspiration, education, and community outreach. Our meetings provide a time to enjoy fellowship, learn more about quilting techniques, and share experiences about the art of making quilts. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in quilting. Our activities include Sit and Stitch, Show and Tell, demonstrations and workshops, classes taught by professional teachers, and a Comfort Quilt program.

Visitors are welcome! Join us, along with other Applegate Valley members, on the first and third Mondays of the month from 9 am to noon at the Fruitdale Grange, 1440 Parkdale Drive, Grants Pass (at the corner of Rogue River Highway and Parkdale Drive).

For more information please stop by one of our meetings or write Rogue Valley Piecemakers, PO Box 5652, Grants Pass, OR 97527 or visit rvpiecemakers.com.

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Logtown Cemetery 80th anniversary

The Logtown Cemetery Association is celebrating its 80th anniversary, "80 Years Strong!" with a reception on May 19 at 4 pm at the Jacksonville Library. All are welcome, especially past board members and families or descendants thereof, who will be honored during the ceremony.

The association was started in 1939 to oversee the operations of the four-acre cemetery, which is listed as a historic cemetery with the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries. Its first recorded burial was in 1862. The cemetery is run by a seven-person volunteer board. Past board members have a history of serving for decades. Gertrude Winningham and John Black served for 45 years and 68 years, respectively.

Logtown contains veterans from the Spanish-American War and every war since. As part of its three-phase improvement plan, the cemetery is seeking donations for a veterans memorial with hopes for a dedication in November 2019. Future projects include a walking tour and a new-old entry.

Logtown Cemetery is on Highway 238 six miles outside of Jacksonville. For more information, visit logtowncm.org, call 541-899-4114 or email logtowncm@yahoo.com.



National celebration to welcome home all veterans who served during the period of the Vietnam War.



Friday, March 29, 2019 • 10 am - 2 pm

A barbecue lunch, service providers, and guests speakers will be at the event. Please come and show your support. All are welcome!

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